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My dear Mr. Clarke.

W.H. Oct. 30th 1924

Do you recall a book, or rather a series of booklets written by Edison and given to the engineers or Company's employees about the time of the installation of the Sunbury, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel Lamp-glass plants in 1883 or early 1884? One of these was "Instructions" a booklet of seven or eight pages; another was "Questions and Answers relating to running of Engine & Boiler", of about 10 pages; another "Questions and Answers relating to running of dynamos", of about 3.5 pages, and another "Questions relating to Meter Dept.", of some 28 pages, all of these booklets about 3 1/2" x 5".

I have a set all bound under one cover, that belonged to Mr. Andrews when he was in Minneapolis, but as this is the only one we have we cannot remove it from the Museum so I'm trying ~~to~~ to find another for Mr. Edison. He asked me to do this yesterday, saying there

must be some around as he had a number of
copies, printed at the time, but as I told him
that 40 years ago and most of the people
who got them are dead. Just off hand
I could only think of your grandfather, perhaps
J. H. Vail, P. B. Shaw, and Geo. Baker who
was with Andrews at Bellefonte and possibly
at Sunbury or Hazleton, and I'm going to
try ~~and~~ them all - perhaps also there
might be a set in L. C. Martin's library.
Edison wants an original copy for himself -
the best I could do for him now was a photo.
stat copy.

Not much chance of Memorial machine
dedication at Merck this fall - work may
be practically completed, but actual dedica-
tion will probably be in May 1925. I've got
one of the first lot of "T" machines made at
Goerck St - a thoroughbred which was sold
to the Geo. Urban Milling Co. in 1881.

Am not at all well, but haven't
much time to think of illnesses. All
kind regards to you and yours

Sincerely
Harold.